

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Carolyn Squires (Senate) and Chairman Dennis Himmelberger (House), on May 11, 2007 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 172, Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Steve Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joe Tropila (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Liable

Members Absent: Sen. Jeff Essmann

Staff Present: CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary (Senate)
Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary (House)
Dave Boyher, Legislative Services Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 4, HB 6
Executive Action: HB 6

00:00:15 Chairman Squires

HEARING ON SB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Greg Lind (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 4, Eliminate term limits for individuals not currently serving in legislature.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:55 Rita Blouke, Vice President Helena Area League of Women Voters
00:10:20 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association
00:13:43 Sen. John Esp
00:17:17 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
00:17:46 Jon Benion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:18 Sen. Joe Balyeat
00:26:52 Brad Molnar, Public Service Commissioner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:21 Rep. Hendrick
00:31:04 Sen. Lind
00:32:35 Rep. Hendrick
00:33:27 Sen. Lind
00:34:47 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:35:33 Mr. Schneider
00:36:15 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:36:59 Mr. Schneider
00:38:39 Rep. Dickenson
00:39:17 Sen. Lind
00:39:35 Rep. Dickenson
00:39:43 Valencia Lane, Attorney, Legislative Services Division
00:40:32 Rep. Dickenson
00:40:58 Sen. Lind
00:41:32 Chairman Squires
00:41:46 Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division
00:42:43 Sen. Shockley
00:43:43 Sen. Lind
00:43:58 Sen. Gallus

00:44:49 Sen. Lind
00:45:11 Sen. Gallus
00:45:39 Sen. Lind
00:46:05 Ms. Lane
00:48:41 Sen. Gallus
00:49:37 Ms. Lane
00:49:52 Sen. Gallus
00:50:52 Ms. Lane
00:50:58 Sen. Shockley
00:51:13 Ms. Lane
00:53:10 Sen. Shockley
00:54:00 Ms. Lane
00:55:23 Sen. Shockley
00:55:33 Rep. Hendrick
00:56:07 Sen. Balyeat
00:58:16 Chairman Squires
00:58:56 Rep. Olson
00:59:11 Sen. Esp
01:01:57 Rep. Himmelberger
01:03:12 Mr. Schneider
01:04:14 Rep. Himmelberger
01:04:44 Ms. Blouke
01:05:52 Rep. Himmelberger
01:06:24 Ms. Blouke
01:06:41 Rep. Malcolm
01:07:46 Mr. Miller
01:08:20 Chairman Squires
01:09:08 Mr. Miller
01:09:25 Chairman Squires
01:09:29 Rep. Malcolm
01:09:36 Mr. Benion
01:10:30 Chairman Squires
01:10:55 Rep. Dickenson
01:11:48 Greg Petesch, Director, Legislative Services Division
01:12:22 Rep. Dickenson
01:12:58 Mr. Petesch
01:14:02 Chairman Squires
01:15:31 Mr. Petesch
01:16:40 Chairman Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:05 Sen. Lind
01:19:44 Break
01:29:52 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:42 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 6, Generally revise laws applicable to legislature and legislator.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:56 Rep. Bob Bergren
01:37:10 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:12 Rep. Dickenson
01:39:26 Rep. Himmelberger
01:39:38 Sen. Cocchiarella
01:41:00 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:41:31 Sen. Cocchiarella
01:42:47 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:43:20 Sen. Cocchiarella
01:43:34 Sen. Shockley
01:45:00 Rep. Himmelberger
01:45:39 Sen. Shockley
01:45:55 Chairman Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:41 Rep. Himmelberger

01:55:59 Senate Adjourned and left committee so the House State Administration Committee could take Executive Action

01:56:34 Break
02:10:52 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

02:11:16 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 6 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:11:37 Rep. Henry

02:12:20 Rep. Phillips

02:13:27 Chairman Himmelberger

02:13:45 Rep. Phillips

02:14:17 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 6 DO PASS** carried by voice vote,
17-1. Rep. Jones voted no. Reps. Olson, Sales and
Caferro voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:15:43 Adjournment

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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